



# County of San Bernardino Department of Behavioral Health

## INFORMATION NOTICE 11-02

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**Date:** January 18, 2011

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**To:** Department of Behavioral Health Staff and Contract Agencies

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**From:** Allan Rawland, MSW, ACSW, Director

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**Subject:** Assembly Bill (AB) 583

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**Regulation** The passage of AB583 added Section 680.5 to Business and Professions (B&P) Code requiring certain health care practitioners disclose information to clients, including the following:

- Name of practitioner and license type
- Highest level of academic degree
- Board certification, if applicable

In order to comply with the regulation, health care practitioners are required to choose one of the following methods to notify clients of the aforementioned information:

- In writing at the client's initial office visit
- In a prominent display in an area visible to clients in the practitioner's office

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**Applicable Health Care Practitioners** The following disciplines are subject to the regulations stated in B&P Code Section 680.5:

- Medical Doctors/Psychiatrists
- Licensed Psychiatric Technicians
- Licensed Psychologists
- Licensed Occupational Therapists
- Registered Nurses

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**Effective Date** The regulation became effective January 1, 2011. In order to comply, DBH shall prominently post appropriate notification in the office of each applicable health care practitioners. See the attached [Sample Notice](#).

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**Exceptions** The following disciplines are not subject to the notification requirement:

- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers

Registered Nurses are not required to disclose the highest level of academic degree.

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**Questions** Questions regarding this Information Notice may be directed to the Department of Behavioral Health Office of Compliance (909) 382-3127.

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## HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONER INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

License: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Level of Academic Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Certification: \_\_\_\_\_



## INFORMACIÓN DEL MEDICO PRACTICANTE DE CUIDADO DE LA SALUD

Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_

Licencia: \_\_\_\_\_

Nivel más Alto de grado Académico: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificado por Junta: \_\_\_\_\_

